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SUBJECT: EXERCISE ZANJEER

REF: ANKARA 3791 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY MAY TELL UK REPRESENTATIVES THAT "SENIOR" OFFICER WILL REPRESENT U.S. DURING EXERCISE ZANJEER, AUGUST 6-16, 1979.
2. EMBASSY CENTO AFFAIRS OFFICER RICHARD A. SMITH, JR. AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND ZANJEER PLANNING CONFERENCE IN LONDON JANUARY 8-12, 1979. IO/OIC WILL ISSUE TRAVEL ORDERS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPONSE TO REMINDER TELEGRAM FROM ANKARA AT LEAST SIX WEEKS BEFORE MEETING.

3. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INCORPORATING PROPOSED U.S. ELEMENT IN WAR GAME'S STRATEGIC RESERVE FORCE PROVIDING U.S. REPRESENTATIVE STATES THAT THIS INCLUSION SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A SPECIFIC U.S. COMMITMENT IN

ANY FUTURE FORMULATION OF ACTUAL CONTINGENCY PLANS.

4. WE NOTE THAT ANNEX B-2 MAKES ASSUMPTION THAT AFGHANISTAN IS COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY SOVIET UNION. PLEASE INFORM CMPS THAT DEPARTMENT BELIEVES SUCH EXPLICIT JUDGMENT ON AFGHAN/SOVIET RELATIONSHIP IS PREMATURE AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED, EVEN IN THIS "HYPOTHETICAL" EXERCISE. CHRISTOPHER

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